

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Objection is heard.

Ms. CANTWELL. Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER (Ms. CANTWELL). Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that if cloture is invoked on the Reid-McConnell amendment No. 1123, then all other amendments and motions be withdrawn; the substitute amendment be agreed to; the bill be read a third time and the Senate then immediately vote on final passage; that the Senate insist on its amendment, request a conference with the House and the Chair be authorized to appoint conferees; with the preceding all occurring without intervening action or debate.

I further ask unanimous consent that upon the disposition of H.R. 2206, the Senate begin debating the conference report on the budget resolution, notwithstanding the receipt of papers; that the time until 3 p.m. be equally divided between Senators CONRAD and GREGG or their designees; that at 3 p.m., the Senate vote on passage of the conference report, notwithstanding the receipt of papers; provided the House has adopted the conference report by that time. If the House has not acted by that time, the Senate vote be delayed until the House has adopted the conference report. I further ask unanimous consent that if the House does not act on Thursday, May 17, then there remain 1 hour each for the chairman and ranking member to use prior to the vote on the conference report whenever the Senate does consider the conference report and that it be in order to consider it notwithstanding the provisions of rule XXII.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Without objection, it is so ordered.

CLOTURE MOTION WITHDRAWN—
H.R. 2206

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the cloture motion on H.R. 2206 be withdrawn.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ORDERS FOR THURSDAY, MAY 17,
2007

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate completes its business today, it stand adjourned until 9:30 a.m. Thursday, May 17; that on Thursday, following the prayer and pledge, the Journal of proceedings be approved to date, the morning hour be deemed expired, and the time for the two leaders reserved for their use later in the day; that the Senate begin consideration of H.R. 2206, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, as provided for under a previous order, with the time provided under that order equally divided and controlled between the two leaders or their designees.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONGRATULATING SENATORS BOXER AND INHOFE

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, let me take this moment as in morning business to salute Senators BARBARA BOXER and INHOFE of Oklahoma for passage of the Water Resources Development Act. If I am not mistaken, it has been 6 years that we have been trying to do this—maybe longer—and this important infrastructure legislation is an example of bipartisan cooperation.

Many people from time to time ask why we spend so much time arguing on the floor of the Senate. I hope they paid close attention to the proceedings of the last week, when Senator BOXER and Senator INHOFE, on a bipartisan basis, managed to pass a critically important bill for the United States of America. I salute them. It is an important bill for my State, the Midwest, and the Nation.

ACTION VITIATED—S. 1415

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, I ask unanimous consent that the action on S. 1415 be vitiated.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 9:30 A.M.
TOMORROW

Mr. DURBIN. Madam President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand adjourned under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 6:45 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, May 17, 2007, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate May 16, 2007:

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

ELIZABETH A. DUKE, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1998, VICE SUSAN SCHMIDT BIES, RESIGNED.

LARRY ALLAN KLANE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 1996, VICE MARK W. OLSON, RESIGNED.

RANDALL S. KROSZNER, OF NEW JERSEY, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2008. (REAPPOINTMENT)

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

RONALD SPOEHEL, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER, NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION, VICE GWENDOLYN BROWN, RESIGNED.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

ANDREW G. BIGGS, OF NEW YORK, TO BE DEPUTY COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 19, 2013, VICE JAMES B. LOCKHART III, TO WHICH POSITION HE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION

LORNE W. CRANER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

ALAN J. PATRICOFF, OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MILLENNIUM CHALLENGE CORPORATION FOR A TERM OF THREE YEARS. (NEW POSITION)

NATIONAL FOUNDATION ON THE ARTS AND THE HUMANITIES

MIGUEL CAMPANERIA, OF PUERTO RICO, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL ON THE ARTS FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 3, 2012, VICE GERARD SCHWARZ, TERM EXPIRED.

FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY

CAROL WALLER POPE, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE FEDERAL LABOR RELATIONS AUTHORITY FOR A TERM EXPIRING JULY 1, 2009. (REAPPOINTMENT), TO WHICH POSITION SHE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

SUSAN E. DUDLEY, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE OFFICE OF INFORMATION AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS, OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET, VICE JOHN D. GRAHAM, RESIGNED, TO WHICH POSITION SHE WAS APPOINTED DURING THE LAST RECESS OF THE SENATE.